

BEST COPY

AVAILABLE

Proposed Intelligence Request

TOPIC: Establishment of Polish Civilian Requirements for Selected Strategic Materials.

REQUESTING AGENCY AND DATE: CIA, 1 October 1957

PROPOSED USE: To establish quantitative levels for Polish civilian requirements for selected commodities for the use of U.S. officials in implementing NSC 5416.

ANALYSIS AND REFERENCES: Background: In implementation of NSC 5416, the U.S. has proposed to COMCON that a distinction be established between Poland and other Bloc nations with regard to Free World economic defense measures. This distinction would permit the export of Poland of commodities "demonstrated to be reasonable and necessary for Polish civilian consumption and use." The proposal has also been brought to the attention of several non-COMCON nations, and should presage the beginning of relatively significant legal exports of conventional Items I and II items by Free World nations (including the U.S.) to Poland. The USREL noted in his presentation that Poland was still a member of the Warsaw Pact, and requested that exporting nations attempt to obtain Polish assurances against transshipment or reexport as a prerequisite for licensing strategic items intended for civilian end-use. While the assurances would provide some safeguard against diversion, it would appear to be a reasonable precaution to establish quantitative judgments of Poland's ability to utilize in

the civilian economy specified strategic materials from Free World sources. These judgments should be based on Poland's civilian requirements which cannot be satisfied through domestic production facilities.

References: NSC Directive 5616;
State Topol 160 (17 July 57);
Paris Polto 202 (19 July 57);
ACEP PD 1315 (7 Aug 57).

SPECIFIC INFORMATION AND/OR ACTION DESIRED: EDIC is requested to consider the desirability and feasibility of establishing quantitative estimates of Poland's civilian needs for selected International List I and II commodities. If agreement is reached on the need for establishing such estimates, it is requested that an EDIC subcommittee be established for selecting the II-I and II commodities to be reviewed and to provide estimates of the following levels of trade for these commodities:

I. Minimum annual requirements of the Polish civilian economy which cannot be supplied from domestic Polish production.

II. Maximum annual requirements of the Polish civilian economy which cannot be supplied from domestic Polish production.

It is further requested that a folder be maintained for each commodity reviewed which will contain the materials used to arrive at these estimates, including any available information on Polish imports from and exports to other Bloc countries.